



Item: Appointments, Regional Airport Authority Board
From: City Manager's Office
Initiated By: City Commission
Presented By: City Commission
Action Requested: Appoint two members to the Regional Airport Authority Board

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ and _____ to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016, to the Regional Airport Authority Board.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint two new members to the Regional Airport Authority Board for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016.

Background: Jim Morin was appointed to the Regional Airport Authority Board in August of 2007. Owen Robinson was appointed in January of 2008. Both Mr. Morin and Mr. Robinson are not eligible for reappointment. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint two new members to the Board.

Purpose

The Regional Airport Authority consists of seven members, four appointed by the City Commission and three appointed by the Cascade County Commission. The Authority serves as the governing and policy setting body for the operation and management of the Great Falls International Airport. Its duties include employing the Airport Director, who hires staff and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Great Falls International Airport.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising for the openings was done through the local media and on the City of Great Falls website. A total of five applications were received. The City Commission interviewed all five candidates on December 3, 2013.

Continuing members of this board are:

Richard Swenson (City)
Brad Talcott (City)
Joe Tropila (County)
J.C. Kantorowicz (County)
Susan Humble (County)

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Eric Biehl
Debbie Goetze
Sean Hoven
Rick Tryon
David Weissman

Fiscal Impact: Members serve without compensation.

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

Attachments/Exhibits: Applications (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)